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Chapter 5 ~ Stroke







I'M PRETTY
SURE I'LL LOSE
THOUGH...

RACE YOU!?

WANNA RACE ME?

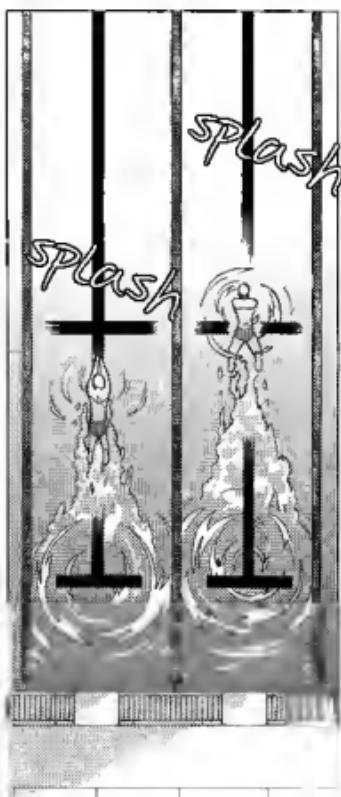
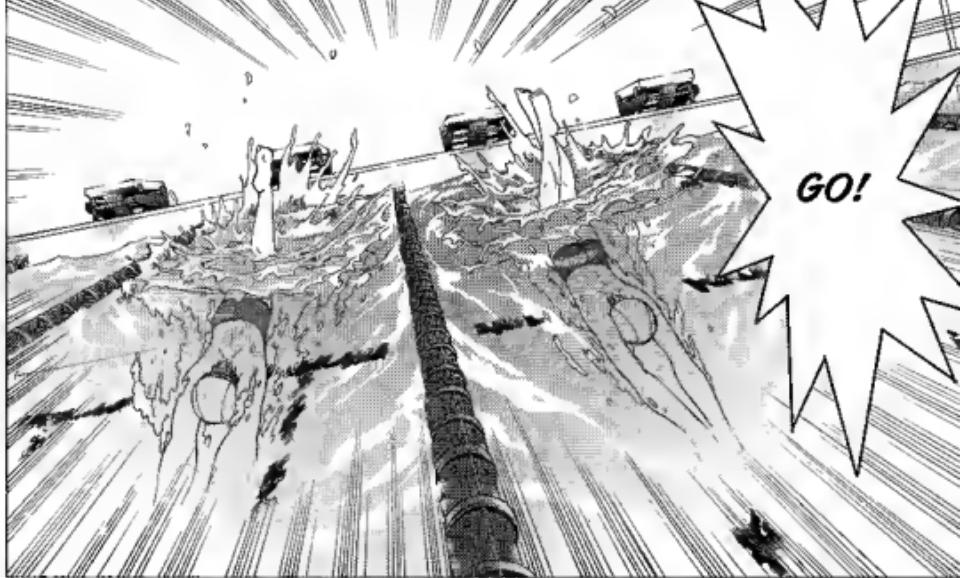
I'LL HOLD
BACK!

PLUG,

IF YOU CAN
BEAT ME, IT'LL
BE A NEW RE-
CORD FOR YOU!

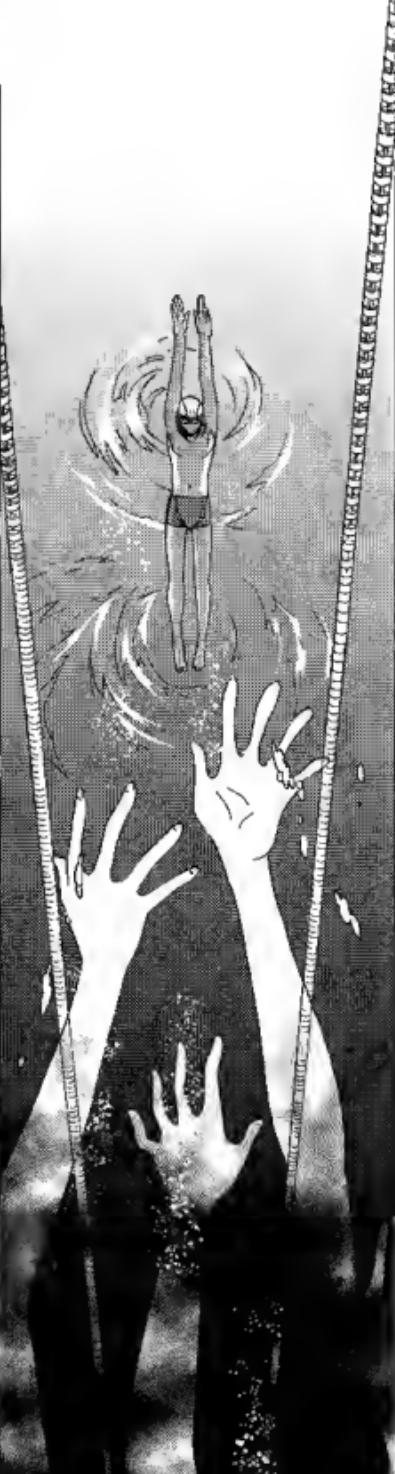
ON YOU
MARK...
GET SET...

READY?













What the hell am I doing, getting scared of Nagisa?



I DIDN'T NOTICE AT ALL...











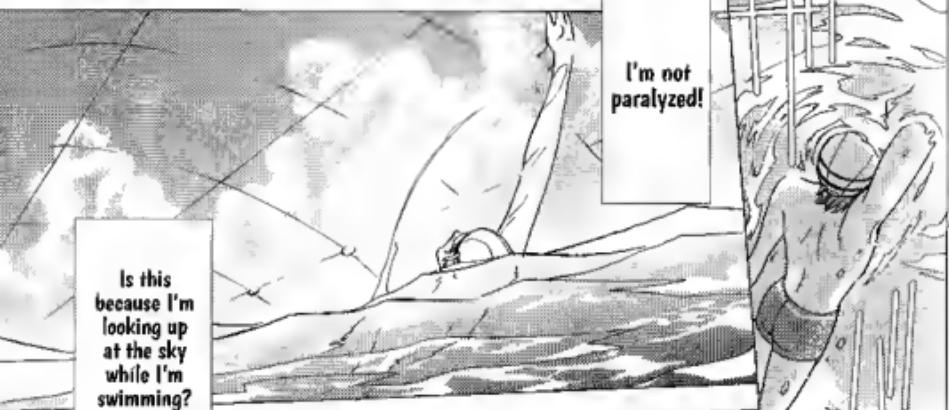
IT'S ALL RIGHT.



HARU'S
HERE WITH ME.







Is this because I'm looking up at the sky while I'm swimming?



Even if I swim with all my might...



Maybe I used to be
a sea monster...

Or a sea mammal...



I bet Haru would tell me I'm
being stupid if he heard me say that.

But...



Haru...

Riding atop
the water.

This is
how I was
always
meant to
swim.

!

I'm finally
feeling the
water, Haru!



I THOUGHT
IF I UNDER-
STOOD HIM,

I JUST
WONDERED
WHAT KIND
OF FEELINGS
HE HAS WHEN
HE SWIMS.

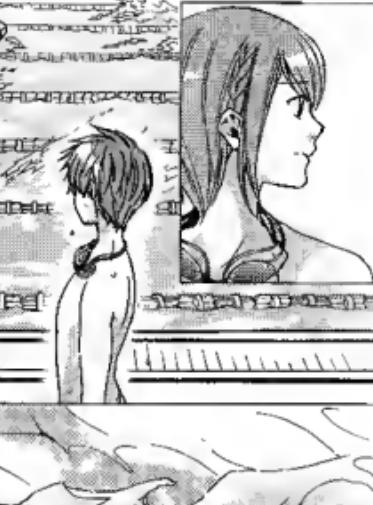
WHY
WOULD
YOU...?

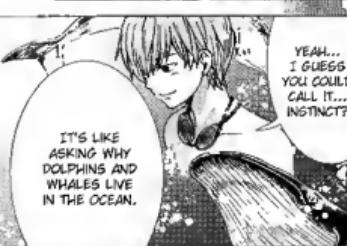
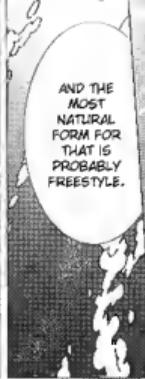
IT MIGHT
MAKE ME
FASTER
AS WELL.

HE'S REALLY
FAST WITH
FREESTYLE,
RIGHT?

IT'S NOT THAT
HE LIKES SWIM-
MING ITSELF.

Y'KNOW,
HARU...



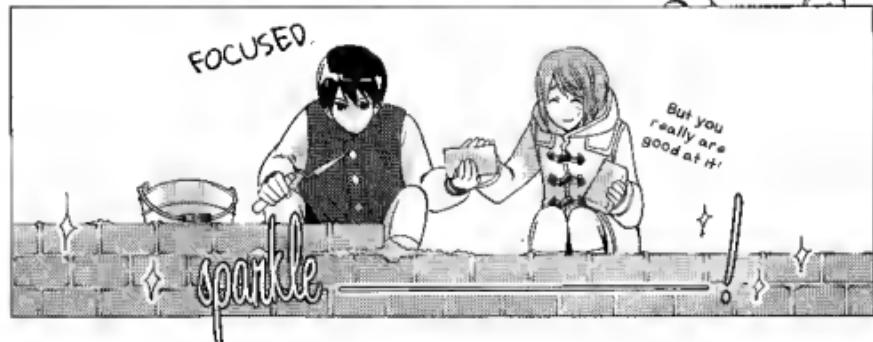




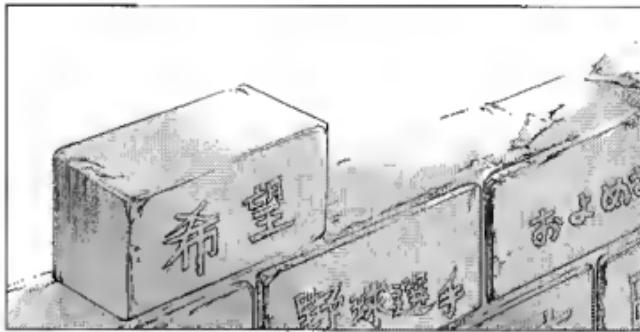
WE'RE GOING
TO BUILD THE
FLOWER BED
NOW!!

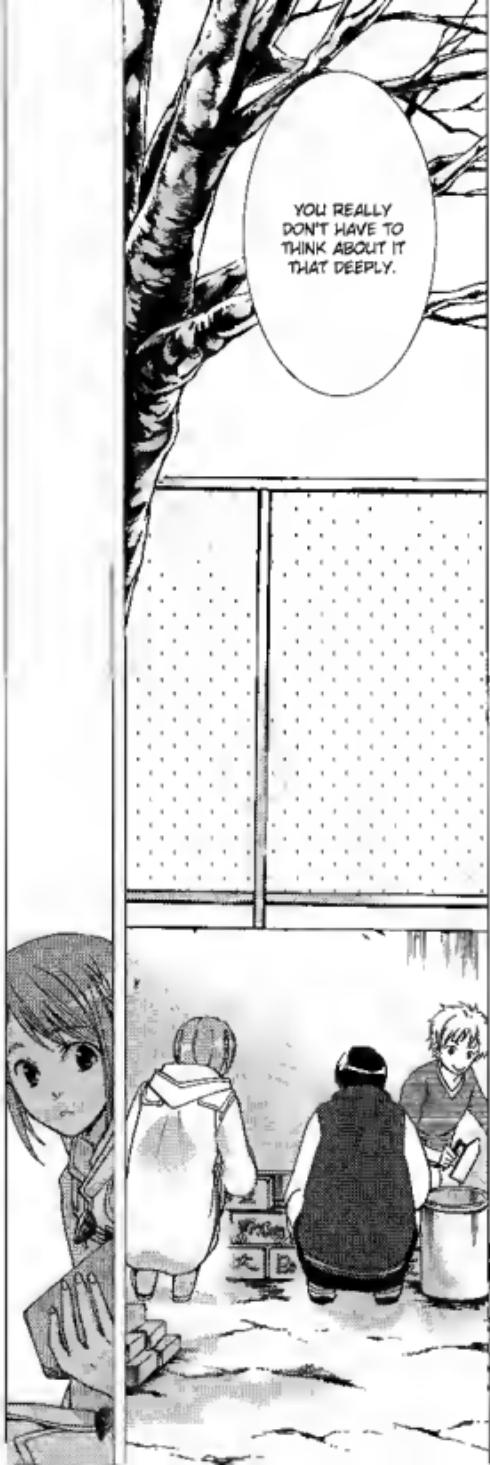


SORRY,
NANASE-
KUN!



But you
really are
good at it!



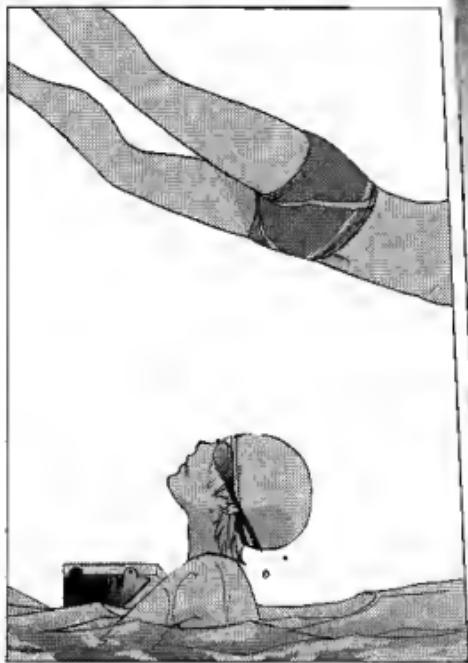








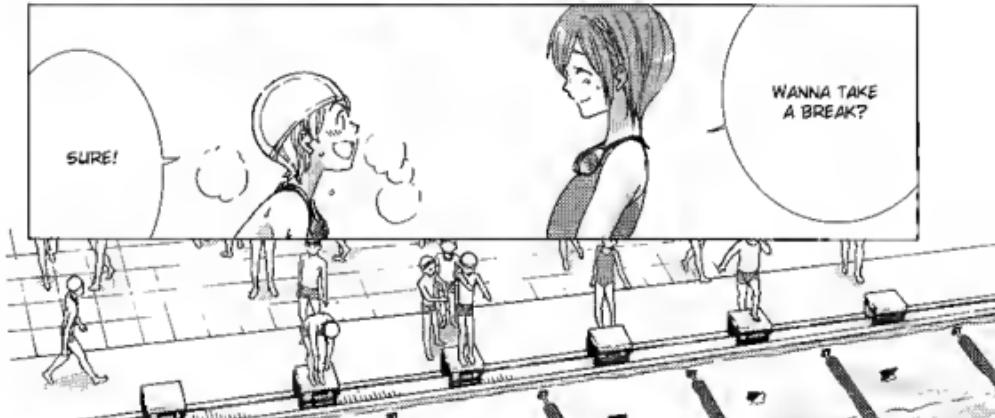


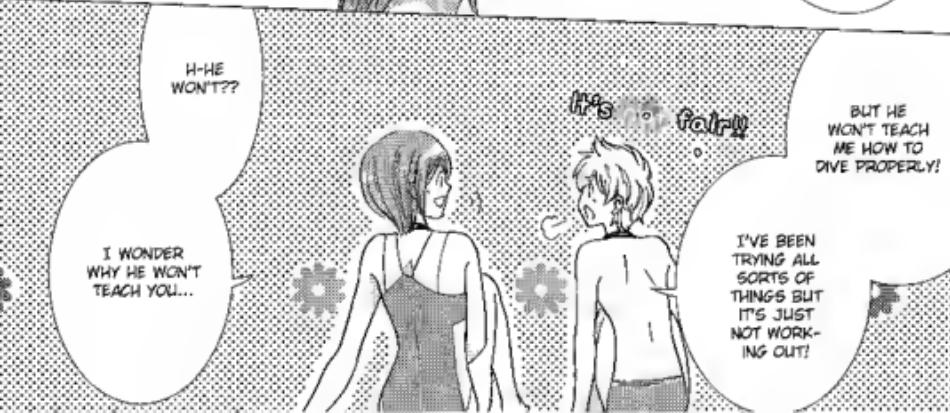




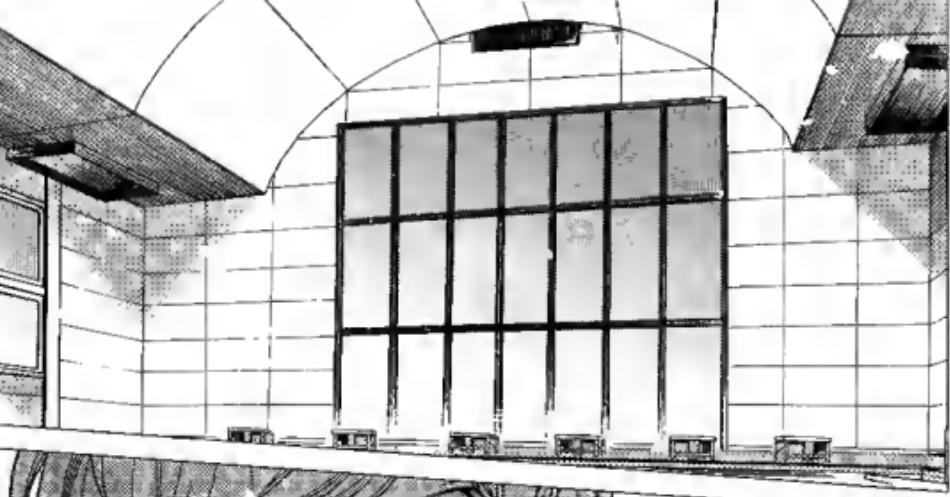
SFX: KABLOOSH!

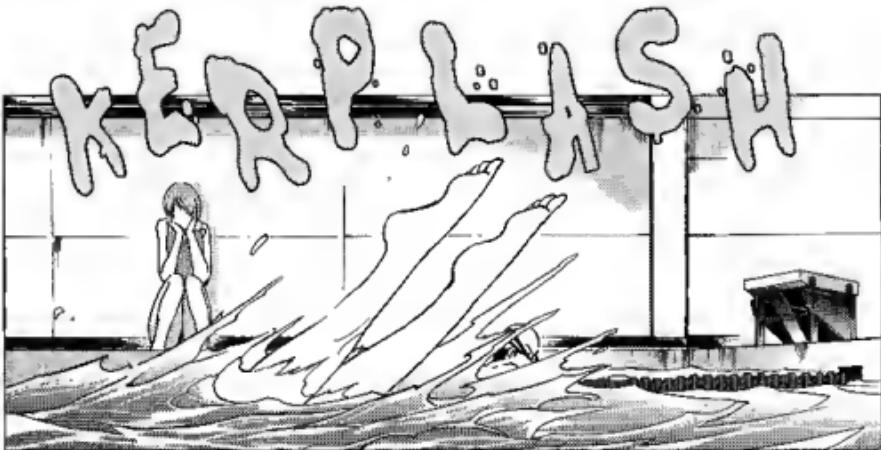
















NAGISA ISN'T
THE TYPE TO
GET FASTER
WITH REGIMENTED
TRAINING.

EVEN IF HE
UNDERSTANDS
THE LOGIC OR
THEORY OF IT
IN HIS HEAD,
HE CAN'T EASILY
TRANSLATE THAT
INTO ACTION WITH
HIS BODY.

BUT IF IT'S
SOMETHING
HE FEELS IN
HIS SOUL...



THEN IT'LL
SHOW CLEAR
AS DAY IN HIS
SWIMMING.

...THAN SOME
HALF-ASSED
SPEECH ABOUT
THEORY!

IF YOU TOLD
HIM TO SWIM WITH
A CERTAIN FEELING,
THEN THAT PROBABLY
MEANT MORE
TO NAGISA...

THANKS
A BUNCH!

STEP

Have I ever
faced swimming
that honestly...?

FEELING
WITH YOUR
HEART...

I WONDER...

Like them...?